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VILLA BATTLES INTO CHIHUAHUA

Report of Pershing Being on Move Strenuously Denied.

(By the International News Service.)
Columbus, N. Mex., Nov. 26.—Field Headquarters Punitive Expedition in Mexico, by military telegraph to Columbus, N. Mex., Nov. 26.—All Carranza troops in northwestern Chihuahua have been ordered to concentrate at Juarez, according to reliable information received tonight.

This concentration of Mexican troops at the border will leave this section of Chihuahua occupied by American troops alone. The towns of El Valle, Namiagua and Aconito will be stripped of their Mexican garrisons to carry out the mobilization order.

Juarez, Mexico, Nov. 26.—Latest accounts reaching Federal agents here tonight indicated that Francisco Villa was in possession of a portion of Chihuahua City including the water works.

There was still a break in the telegraph line between Chihuahua City and Juarez, presumably twenty miles south. Military operations were in possession of the line from Chihuahua City and to the break and from the break to Juarez.

Pershing Reported Moving.
El Paso, Tex., Nov. 26.—Reports reaching here tonight but discredited by State Department agents said that Gen. John J. Pershing was moving northward on Chihuahua City. It was said that reports of atrocities on Americans, Chinese and other foreigners in Chihuahua City by the Villistas prompted the War Department to order Pershing's cavalry to interfere.

The report came from Carranza sources in Juarez and Federal agents in El Paso were unable to obtain any verification. It was not evident whether Trevino and Ojuna had gone out to meet Gen. Pershing in an effort to draw the fire of the Villistas, a strategic move, or whether they were making a bona fide retreat because of lack of bullets and shells.

Funkin Issues Denial.
San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 26.—"Utterly ridiculous," said Maj. Gen. Frederick Funkin, commanding the Southern Department, U. S. A., tonight, when informed of press dispatches from El Paso saying that Gen. Pershing was moving upon Chihuahua City.

"Gen. Pershing takes his orders from me, and I have not ordered him to make a move," Gen. Funkin added. "Officially it is nothing to the War Department, so far as I know, who is victorious in the fighting around Chihuahua City. There is absolutely no excuse for the United States forces at this time to interfere in the scrap among Trevino, Ojuna and Villa. I have ordered Pershing to make no move whatever and I believe that nobody in the United States government has any authority to give orders to Pershing over my head. You can brand that yarn as absurd."

4 DEAD, 2 SUICIDES IN DAY'S GAS TOLL

Two Men and Two Women Victims of Asphyxiation.

Four deaths from gas, two men and two women, were reported to the police yesterday. In two cases the coroner gave certificates of suicide. The others were accidental.

J. B. Bittenbender, 60 years old, was found by his wife late last night in the bathroom on the second floor of their home, 14 Sixth street northeast. The coroner issued a certificate of suicide.

A little earlier in the evening residents of the apartment at 92 D street northwest broke into the room occupied by Mrs. Ester Cochran when she failed to respond to their knocking. They found her lying across the bed with a gas tube in her mouth. She is said to have been dependent for some time. She leaves a little boy 8 years old.

The two cases of accidental death were Thomas J. Broderick, 44, 1021 Euter street northwest, and Walter Golbert, 26, who died from gas in a room at 723 Eighth street northwest, which he had rented the night before.

ROOSTER CASE IN HIGH COURT.

Winchester, Va., Nov. 26.—The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals will be called upon to decide whether a rooster is worth \$300. At the last session of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, at Charleston, judgment was entered in the case of Hugh H. McCormick, a prominent lawyer, against the Southern Express Company in favor of the plaintiff for \$300 because of the death of "Big Bill," a Cornish game rooster. "Big Bill" while being carried from Winton, Va., to Catonsville, Md., where he was to have been exhibited at a poultry show. He was the most aristocratic rooster in Jefferson County and was the cock of the walk at the McCormick place.

HIGHER HOSPITAL STANDARDS.

New York, Nov. 26.—With a view to raising the standard of hospitals throughout the country to conform to the best efforts in the largest cities, the American Hospital Association voted to establish permanent headquarters in Philadelphia.

SUE ON 34-YEAR-OLD NOTE.

Trenton, Nov. 26.—A promissory note made thirty-four years ago for \$2,525.50 now totals \$130,158.97 with the interest, and suit to recover this amount was begun yesterday in the Court of Chancery by Edward Humphreys, of Bayonne, against Mrs. Julia M. Walsh and Edward J. Walsh, of St. Louis.

FORK FINDS NEGRO IN HAY.

Pottstown, Pa., Nov. 26.—While workmen were baling hay on the J. M. H. Walters farm, near here, yesterday, a piercing scream of pain followed the running of a pitchfork into the hay. A black negro emerged and tried to escape, but after a lively chase over the fields he was captured in a corncrib and taken to Reading.

COODFISH SINKS SHIP.

Cargo Swells When Wet and Rips Open Vessel's Seams.

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 26.—A cargo of dried codfish that swelled when the schooner Ponhook shipped water opened the vessel's seams and sunk it, according to the crew of the Norwegian steamship Kronstad, which has arrived here. The Kronstad, two days out from the Azores, sighted the Ponhook in a sinking condition and rescued her crew on the night of October 30 in a heavy sea. The Ponhook was proceeding from St. John for Gibraltar, Cadiz, and the seven men of the Ponhook were landed at Ponta Delgada, Azores.

PACT ENDANGERED

Fears Entertained Carranza Will Repudiate Protocol.

The administration is not overconfident that Carranza will ratify the protocol signed by the American-Mexican Joint Commission at Atlantic City. There also is some pessimism in Mexican circles here.

The difficulty is expected to arise from the addendum to the protocol which would permit American troops to cross into Mexican territory in pursuit of bandits.

The original proposition made by Gen. Carranza on this subject provided for a reciprocal crossing of the border by the military forces of both countries on a "hot trail," but this was never carried to treaty conclusion. The reciprocal idea is understood to be absent from the addendum, or supplementary memorandum, attached to the Atlantic City protocol.

The addendum was prepared by the American commissioners after they realized that the Mexican members under no circumstances would consent to its being included in the protocol. Provision for it in an addendum followed the clause set in the negotiation of the American-Japanese treaty. The Japanese government would not consent to inclusion in the treaty of the so-called "gentlemen's agreement," which provided for the restriction of Japanese immigration to the United States.

It was held to be inconsistent with Japanese pride and dignity for this arrangement to be made a part of the treaty, but the agreement has had the force of a treaty.

SCORES DROWN IN MUD IN TRENCHES ON SOMME

Will Irwin Describes Battle Field as "Blasted World."

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Nov. 26.—The country around the Somme battle front is like a blasted world. Instead of the rolling fertile plains of former months, it has been transformed into a sea of mud. Men are being drowned in this mud by the scores.

This graphic epitome of the greatest battle in history was given today by Will Irwin, the writer who returned from a trip to the French front on the American liner Philadelphia.

"The communication trenches are waist deep in mud," he added. Summing up his observations on this battle ground, he said: "The British completely dominate the air. Last week I saw only one German observation balloon ascend. The French army is the most democratic, but yet the most effective in the world. It will be a great mistake if they brought under control and the work of Germany. The British technique is improving fast. Up to the beginning of the Somme battle, the French army was the best, but in addition to this the French are good tilters and the British have taken advantage of their training until they are now almost equal. The percentage of losses in an attack is decreasing rapidly."

FIRE RAGES IN LINER'S HOLD.

New York, Nov. 26.—Fire started in the hold of the Italian liner Regina D'Italia early this morning. The blaze started in No. 2 hatchway where a cargo of wax was being loaded.

For more than five hours fire boats and land apparatus fought to control the blaze before it could spread to holds filled with ammunition. Finally it was brought under control and the work of loading the vessel was continued. It was stated that she would sail at the scheduled hour tomorrow for Italy.

BUILT FIRE ON FLOOR.

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—Building a small fire of paper and wood on the floor of an untenanted house to keep himself warm early yesterday morning, Thomas Deviney, 40, almost burned himself to death. Persons passing the house noticed smoke and notified the police of the Sixth district.

CIGARETTE END STRIKE.

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 26.—The cigarmakers who have been on strike two weeks have voted to accept the compromise terms offered by the manufacturers and the men will return to work Monday.

STEPS FROM TRAIN TO DIE.

London, Nov. 26.—William Henry Jacques, a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis and afterward with Bethlehem Steel Company and president of the Holland Submarine Boat Company, has been killed in a railroad accident. He was 40 years old and was traveling in the right side of the car, according to the American custom, and was struck by a train on the other track.

PHONE GIRLS SAVE TOWN.

Lockport, Ill., Nov. 26.—Courage of two telephone operators, Miss Ethel Spang and Miss Violet Shultz, averted disaster from their town by calling in the fire department and calling out the fire engine, which arrived in time to save the town from virtual destruction by fire early today. The flames destroyed the plant of the Northern Illinois Cereal Company, 100 feet from the telephone office. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

A. F. OF L. BACKS PAY-RAISE FIGHT

Mass Meeting Planned to Aid Government Clerks

While the American Federation of Labor at its annual convention adopted fifteen resolutions designed to aid government employees, its main effort will be centered on getting increased wages at the coming short session, according to labor leaders who attended the convention.

John J. Deviney, secretary of the National Association for Civil Service Employees, said last night that the A. F. of L. does not expect the short session of Congress to enact all the legislation favored by organized labor for the relief of government employees, but it hopes to start the preliminary work on the remedial measures and is confident that the House and Senate will enact a bill giving immediate aid to Federal workers who get small salaries.

The resolutions adopted by the A. F. of L. were introduced and supported by H. M. McLarin, delegate from the Federal Employers' Union, and by John J. Deviney, representing the civil service employees.

Bills covering all the recommendations made at the convention will be drawn up and submitted by the legislative committee of the A. F. of L. Among them will be one favoring a retirement law, that will not operate to reduce salaries. In effect it puts the labor body on record as opposing a contributory pension bill, in that such a measure would take from the government employee's pay envelope certain sums monthly for the retirement fund.

Officials of the clerks' union, the legislative committee of the A. F. of L., and other proponents of increased wages will meet this week and agree upon what measure or measures will be unanimously supported for enactment at the short session.

The efforts of the government workers to organize and improve their condition by united efforts will be simplified and aided with the official consent and encouragement of Cabinet officers and it is to this work that the union officials will address themselves at once.

Another illustration of the poor pay of government laborers has been given Rep-

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FULL DRESS BANISHED BY EMPEROR CHARLES

New Ruler of Dual Monarchy Cuts Down Pomp at Court.

Vienna, Nov. 26.—One of the earliest official acts of Emperor Charles, while apparently trivial, is significant of the new atmosphere likely to spread over all Europe.

This official ordained that henceforth the morning coat will supersede full dress on the occasion of audiences.

The custom still prevailing in many courts has been of full dress in the morning, and the emperor's decision is a signal that the old is being abandoned in favor of the new.

It is recalled here that on the occasion of the funeral of the late King Edward, of England, a distinguished American delegate, in the early morning in a swallowtail coat and broad expanse of front in the regalia prescribed for the austere occasion, appeared not wholly at ease in the regalia prescribed for the austere occasion.

GIRL'S ALLEGED LOOT REACHES \$20,000 TOTAL

Held as Shoplifter, Declares She Is Film Actress.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, Nov. 26.—An attractive and fashionably attired young woman who, the police assert, has obtained more than \$20,000 through forgeries in various parts of the country, confessed, according to the police, that she stole to repay victims of her forgeries.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Nov. 26.—The Western Telegraph Company, which has been attempting to gain a continuation of the monopoly in telegraphic cables between Brazil and Argentina, has lost its case in the courts. The supreme court rendered a decision in favor of the federal union.

ITALIANS DECLARED UNABLE TO CAPTURE VILLAGE OF TARNOVO.

(By the International News Service.)
Sofia, Nov. 26.—The republic of allied attacks both east and west of Monastir and the complete defeat of Italian attempts to capture the village of Tarnovo and denial of the French announcement of the capture of Tarnovo are contained in an official statement given out by the war office today. The statement follows: "We repulsed an attack by an Italian battalion against the village of Tarnovo, near the village of Tarnovo, in the large quantity of war supplies in front of our positions."

RULED SIXTEEN WHITE SLAVES.

New York, Nov. 26.—What police officials declare to be the very depth of white-slave tyranny and manipulation has been reached by Max Axelrod, who confessed today before his trial that he had forced sixteen women to seek the streets of New York to do his bidding and turn in to him the revenue obtained from their prostitution.

Even Axelrod's wife charged him with forcing her to sell herself for his profit. A young married woman with two children was also a victim.

Axelrod confessed that it had been his practice to place his women slaves in crowded tenements on the East Side where they could be visited without exciting great suspicion. He declared there was a regular business agreement made with young men to deliver 17-year-old girls to him for \$100.

STORM WRECKS ZEPPELIN.

Amsterdam, Nov. 26.—Travelers reaching here today reported that a super-Zeppelin was wrecked in a storm near Mainz and that only one of its crew of twenty-eight men escaped death. The airship, it was said, was on its way from Friedrichshaven to Wilhelmshaven on its trial flight when blown out of its course.

THREE PERISH IN FIRE.

Binghamton, N. Y., Nov. 26.—Mrs. Russell O'Hara, wife of a New York school teacher, and her two daughters were burned to death early today when fire destroyed their cottage near Chenango bridge.

The bodies were found this morning, those of the little girls huddled close to the mother. The girls were Lydia and Virginia, both aged 4.

Federal Wage Increase Urged by Rep. Gallivan

Representative Gallivan, of Massachusetts, last night wired The Washington Herald: "Count me in on any bills that will give the government clerks what they deserve in the way of compensation."

"Conditions have long demanded improvement and present-day prices serve to make it appear to all that higher wages are needed to meet them."

"The business world has blazed the trail and the government should follow. Congress will have important business in the coming short session, but in my opinion there is no business more important than making the pay of the average government worker such that he can live like the average man."

Telegraph Tips

Saratoga, Cal., Nov. 26.—William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, has announced that he would buy or build a home in California. He is at the home of Senator James D. Phelan here.

Highland Falls, N. Y., Nov. 26.—Leon David Rose, 45 years old, a former banker, used his knowledge of dynamite to destroy himself at Stony Point, Rockland County. He blew himself to pieces.

Middletown, N. Y., Nov. 26.—For the first time in the history of the State Hospital here no turkeys will be served Thanksgiving Day, owing to their scarcity. The 2,400 patients will eat goose and chicken instead.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 26.—Col. Lucius U. Malby, one of the best known hotel men in the United States, is dead here. He was 85 years old and had been in failing health for several years. He leaves his wife.

New York, Nov. 26.—Charged with wearing illegally a United States uniform, Earl Goss, 27 years old, has been held for the Federal grand jury by United States Commissioner McGoldrick, in the Federal Building, Brooklyn. Goss is said to be the first person to be arrested under the "sanctity of the uniform" clause of the national defense act, which was passed last August by Congress.

Colon, Panama, Nov. 26.—The Norwegian steamship Themis, which stranded on leaving Cristobal last Tuesday night, has been floated. Temporary repairs were made in her hull and with the help of auxiliary pumps the vessel was placed in drydock.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Nov. 26.—Having passed a restful day, John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was said today to be rapidly gaining strength following an operation for appendicitis which he underwent Thursday evening.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Arrested on a charge of stealing automobiles, Irwin L. Thacker, who, the police assert, has obtained more than \$20,000 through forgeries in various parts of the country, confessed, according to the police, that she stole to repay victims of her forgeries.

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Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 26.—Inspection of proposed sites in Los Angeles Harbor for a new naval base and aviation station has been begun by Rear Admiral J. M. Helm and four other members of the Naval Commission on Navy Yards and Stations, who have arrived here.

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—Dr. Laura A. C. Hughes, of Boston, Mass., was re-elected president of the Spanish-American War Nurses at the annual meeting of their organization. Ballots by mail for the president and other officers were received from forty-three States and fifteen foreign countries.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Nov. 26.—To accommodate a party of men the Delaware Valley 3 o'clock train from Bushkill stopped at a small station long enough to allow the sportsmen to kill several pheasants. The schedule was not interfered with and the train arrived at East Stroudsburg station on time.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 26.—A campaign headed by Gov. Arthur Capper has been started to prevent the hanging of William White, a negro soldier, in the Federal prison at Leavenworth on November 30.—White was convicted of killing another negro in Fort Leavenworth, and now is under sentence of death.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 26.—P. H. Mullen, deputy health commissioner, who has been investigating the food supply in cold storage here, reported to Mayor Curley that there were 10,000 pounds of meat in storage, one pound of which was intended for home consumption. Virtually the entire amount has been contracted for by the entente allies.

London, Nov. 26.—Senator Abdul Hamid Zehraoui was sentenced to death by court-martial and killed for conspiring against the Turkish government, according to a Constantinople telegram. German newspapers, says a Reuter dispatch from Austria.

New York, Nov. 26.—As a token of their appreciation of the services of Capt. F. A. Lewis, the Coast Guard cutter Svaland and towing her into port, the underwriters are going to present to the captain and officers a solid silver tea service this week.

New York, Nov. 26.—Choked to death by his tight collar, Robert Bowman, 28 years old, was found in bed in his room at the Knickerbocker Hotel, Paterson, N. J. He was fully dressed. It is believed that when he returned to his room Friday night he was seized with a fainting illness and went to bed without removing his clothes.

New York, Nov. 26.—Arrangements are made and the war chests are filled for the greatest strike the clothing industry ever has known, according to an announcement made by the National Association of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Union officials and employees as well are said to have been preparing for the struggle for months past.

BEAR STEALS HIS HONEY.

Ridgway, Pa., Nov. 26.—Charles Slink, of Clermont, is one person in Elk County who does not believe it pays to leave honey in a bee tree too long after it is discovered. While Slink was out hunting in the vicinity of Clermont last Saturday he found a large quantity of money in the trunk of an old tree. He marked the tree, intending to return and get the money.

Late Thursday afternoon he went with two large pails to carry the honey home. He spied the marked tree, all right, but as he started toward it he saw a large black bear eating the honey.

U-BOATS LYING OFF U. S. COAST

British Cruiser Warns Liners to Be on Lookout.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Nov. 26.—From the masthead of the British cruiser Lancaster, stationed fifteen miles southeast of Sandy Hook, tonight, came the wireless warning that German submarines were lying off the American coast. The radio directed that the commanders of all vessels flying the flag of one of the entente allies keep a sharp watch for U-boats and to show no more lights than necessary. Furthermore, they were warned to avoid the regular trans-Atlantic lanes as much as possible.

Capt. Barman, of the liner Kroonland, which arrived in port today, declared that he had received the warning but had seen no submarines. The Philadelphia arrived today also. The passengers said that the life boats were swung out ready for instant use Saturday night and that they had received the warning.

Prominent Germans in Washington declared tonight that they believed the warning inspired by the British insurance rates might be raised. A State Department official expressed doubt that the warning was based on fact. He declared that there was no proof that Germany has considered more sporadic operations on this side of the Atlantic.

The report, alleged to have emanated from British sources, that two German war submarines are approaching the North American coast was believed in German quarters here yesterday to have been put out for the purpose of influencing marine insurance rates.

Mr. Smith, in charge of this government has no evidence indicating that Germany has considered more than sporadic operations on this side of the Atlantic.

"WHITE SLAVES" SENT INTO SOUTH AMERICA

New York Probe Bares Further Details of Vice Ring.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, Nov. 26.—Further information about the alleged "white slave" traffic house operated on the East Side will be obtained, it is believed in the district attorney's office, from David Parrish, alias Dave Siberia, who has consented to tell all he knows about the vice ring. Assistant District Attorney Smith, in charge of the investigation for Mr. Swann, will question Parrish about the clearing house phase of the traffic tomorrow.

That such place exists, as told by the woman known as Barbara White, is believed by the investigators on information volunteered by other women. Girls are said to be shipped to all the large cities of the United States, and even to South America, by this clearing house.

Mr. Smith has stated that the district attorney's office has reliable information that 200 girls were shipped to Detroit by the clearing house, seventy-five each to Buffalo, New Orleans and other cities. He asserts that the girls have been sent to Buenos Ayres since the investigation began.

SOFIA REPORTS DEFEAT OF ALLIED ASSAULTS

Italians Declared Unable to Capture Village of Tarnovo.

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The French statement of November 23 that the French had captured the village of Bobrinis is incorrect. The French have never entered this village. The capture of the village of Bobrinis is contained in an official statement given out by the war office today. The statement follows: "We repulsed an attack by an Italian battalion against the village of Tarnovo, near the village of Tarnovo, in the large quantity of war supplies in front of our positions."

On the rest of the front there were artillery actions."

BETRAYED WHEN BARED.

Bridgeport, N. J., Nov. 26.—A young Polisher was lodged in the county jail this city a few days ago charged with stealing chickens for food in the woods where he was staying most of the time. Last night the fellow was ordered to take a bath. He refused and was finally stripped. In Klare's pay minder's mind, he found \$200 in bills. Officers believe he may be one of the gang who have recently been holding up bank messengers.

GIVEN HAND-CARVED CABINET.

New York, Nov. 26.—Business associates and employees of Thomas A. Edison sent to his office yesterday a hand-carved cabinet said to be worth approximately \$500.

The cabinet is an exact reproduction of the famous piece of wood carving which the inventor admired when on his trip to Paris a few years ago. Knowing of his admiration for the cabinet his friends sent an expert wood carver to Paris to make a copy.

WILL TREAT BELGIANS WELL.

Amsterdam, Nov. 26.—The Cambridge Gazette prints a statement claiming that the deportations of Belgian workmen to Germany is a matter of necessity, adding that, as a matter of course, they will not be employed in making war material. Their employment generally will be according to their personal wishes, their education and their capabilities, it declares.

FACES DEATH TWICE IN DAY.

Man Found Almost Frozen Nearly Victim of Flames.

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 26.—A man claiming to be S. Smith, of Lancaster, had two close calls from death in Columbia. He was found by a policeman lying unconscious in the street, nearly dead from cold. He received proper attention at the jail. Later in the day the lock-up was on fire and its five inmates were nearly roasted before the flames were extinguished.

It was learned that Smith had accidentally started the blaze by throwing a cigarette stump on a blanket.

SUFFRAGIST DIES

Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain Succumbs.

(By the International News Service.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 26.—The family of Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain, who died Saturday night at the Good Samaritan Hospital, after a long and valiant fight against secondary anemia, made preliminary arrangements today for the funeral rites for the young woman who was known as the idol of suffrage.

The body will be taken East tomorrow. After services in Dr. Parkhurst's Church in New York, where her father is a deacon, interment will follow in the Adirondacks.

Telegrams of sympathy and condolence were received by the grief-stricken parents and husband of the suffrage worker from her admirers in all parts of the country today.

Mrs. Boissevain, who was born in New York City, August 6, 1886, was educated at the Comstock School in New York City, at the Williams School in Berlin and entered Vassar in 1905. After graduation in 1909 she entered the New York University Law School from which she was graduated in 1912 with the degree of LL. B. Later she became a law student in the office of James W. Osborne, New York City.

In March, 1913, she appeared with Mr. Osborne as counsel for Doy Young, a Chinese on trial for murder. He was acquitted. She figured prominently in the defense of notorious New York criminal, Edward J. Bremer, in 1914.

Shortly after the outbreak of the war, Mrs. Boissevain went to Italy to report the situation there for a New York newspaper. She was a delegate on the Ford Peace Ship. She married her husband, a wealthy Hollander, in London in 1913. She returned to this country in 1914 and continued her practice of law and suffrage activities.

"WOMAN OF MYSTERY" KILLS SELF IN HOTEL

Telephone Girl Makes Vain Effort to Save Her.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Florence M. Sibel, 24 years old, of Schenectady, N. Y., shot herself in the head in her room at the Hotel Belmont here this afternoon and died an hour later in Bellevue Hospital without having regained consciousness. The woman was known in the hotel as a "woman of mystery." The only hint of explanation the police could find was contained in a letter found in her room signed "Mother" and indicating the woman was concerned in divorce proceedings.

The only person in the hotel who had seen her was Miss Ellen Scanlon, the telephone switchboard operator. This afternoon Mrs. Sibel called the switchboard on the phone in her room and said: "Good-by, Ellen dear. And say good-by to every one for me."

Miss Scanlon, catching the note of tragedy in the woman's voice, hastened to Mrs. Sibel's room on the eighth floor. As she opened the door, her friend stood in the middle of the room with the muzzle of a revolver pressed against her forehead. Miss Scanlon screamed and leaped forward, but the "woman of mystery" was too quick for her and pulled the trigger.

The region due west of Bucharest where any further resistance by the Rumanians is impossible in the face of the staggering odds in numbers of men and guns, "the road is occupied by fleeing columns," in the words of the Berlin statement. Their advance, it is added, "is marked by burning towns."

In telling of the crossing of the Danube the German statement says the river has risen high because of thaw.

Large re-enforcements have been received by the Russo-Rumanian army in the Dobruja. Berlin reports a repulse of an attack by infantry aided by Russian naval forces in the Black Sea upon Mackensen's right wing.

SEVEN PERSONS PERISH IN CAULDRON OF FIRE

Entire Family Wiped Out When Home Burns Down.